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Access Improved at Marina State Beach with New Bike Lanes and Sidewalks

The City of Marina and California State Parks announced today that a project to construct sidewalks and bike lanes at the entrance to Marina State Beach will begin October 14. This \$400,000+ project funded with a federal Transportation Enhancement Activities grant supplemented with staff support and funding from The City of Marina and California State Parks. The Marina Coast Water District also contributed to the project.

The project will add five-foot-wide sidewalks and bike lanes on both sides of Reservation Road between Highway One and the Marina State Beach parking area. The project will improve drainage and create safer and more attractive access to the State Beach.

In announcing the pending construction of this project State Parks Monterey District Superintendent Lynn Rhodes said: "California State Parks is pleased that the City of Marina took the initiative in seeking grant funding and the lead in managing this project which will occur on both State Park and City of Marina property. There has been a great spirit of partnership and cooperation in undertaking this project that will benefit State Park visitors, the people of California and the community of Marina."

"Marina State Beach is recognized as a vital asset to the City of Marina both as a recreation site for Marina citizens and as a draw for tourists that help fuel our local economy", according to Marina Mayor Jim Perrine. The improved access for walkers and bicyclists is sorely needed. Walking and bicycling are increasingly important means to access the State Beach as the parking area at the beach is often filled to capacity.

During construction, which is expected to extend into December, access to the State Beach will continue to be available but visitors should expect occasional delays and partial closures as the construction continues. For more information please contact the City of Marina Public Works Department at (831) 884-1212 or Ken Gray with California State Parks at (831) 649-2862.

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